GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have evolved a long-term proposal to enhance foodgrains procurement by the FCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have allowed the FCI to decide the ideal buffer stock of foodgrains to be stored; and

(d) the details of the impact of the long term proposal on present procurement of foodgrains?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): The Government of India has constituted a High Level Committee (HLC) to formulate a Long Term Grain Policy under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen the former Chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. The final report of the HLC is expected in May, 2002. The recommendations made by the HLC will be duly examined and a new policy formulated.

(d): Does not arise in view of reply to (a) to (c) above.